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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING PLANT AGRONOMICAL TRAITS BY ALTERING THE EXPRESSION OR ACTIVITY OF PLANT G-PROTEIN ALPHA AND BETA

SUBUNITS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for a four-month extension of time to and including November 29, 2005, in which to file a response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1,590 fee, which is the process fee for a four-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0251.NPUS00.

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